1	2	3	4	5
-do-	Refurnishment of monuments at Lalitgiri	25.00	8.00	Utilisation certificate awaited
-do-	Refurnishment of monuments at Ratanagiri	31.00	10.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
-do-	SEL Show at Konark	91.95	2.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1997-98	Tourist Reception Centre at Udaigiri	25.00	20.50	Utilisation Certificate awaited
-do-	Tourist Reception Centre at Lalitgiri	25.00	8.00	Utilisation Certificate for first instalment received
-do-	Tourist Reception Centre at Ratnagiri	75.00	60.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1998-99	Development of Chandrabhaga Beach Konarak and landscaping	41.00	32.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1999-2000	Additional accommodation at Yatri Niwas, Konarak	48.00	38.40	Utilisation Certificate awaited

Protection of ancient idols and statues

248. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are taking to protect all ancient statues and idols in view of the fact that there has been gradual increase in their smuggling;

(b) whether Government have come up with any plans or strategies to protect these ancient statues and idols from falling into the wrong hands;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) Steps have been taken by the Archaeological Survey of India in consultation with the law enforcing agencies like the Central Bureau of Investigation, Customs, directorate of Revenue Intelligence and the State Government Police to check the smuggling of ancient statues and idols by stepping up vigilance and intensifying checking at all the Customs exit channels, as well as by enforcement of the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972. Apart from the Monument Attendants, armed guards and private security agencies have also been deployed at the centrally protected monuments/ museums for security purposes. The amendment of the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972, is also under consideration for making the law more stringent.

Performance of ASI

249. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SHABANA
AZMI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has shown dissatisfaction with the performance of the ArchaeologicI Survey of India and has decided to professionalise it;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is pressing for a separate Indian Archaeological Service within the Central Services hierarchy;

(c) whether this proposal has been considered.by the Central Government;

(d) if so, what are the main reasons put forward by the Ministry for separate Archaeological Service; and

(e) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?